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1. The Svilengrad-Dimitrovgrad-Kurdzhali railroad is a single-track line and is in good condition. There are three tunnels between Rakovski (Dimitrovgrad) and Kurdzhali. A travel permit or military service induction notice (which proved that travel was necessary) had to be shown in order to purchase a rail ticket in Svilengrad in the summer of 1952. Between Svilengrad and Kharmanlii, travel permits and identification cards were checked several times by two soldiers who moved through the train, sometimes accompanied by Militia men. Travelers whose documents were not in order were arrested and taken off the train at the next station. The soldiers who did the checking wore ordinary uniforms with a red stripe or armband approximately 10 centimeters wide. The letters "Zh. P." (Zheleznicharska Politsiya; Railroad Police) appeared in black on the armbands. The soldiers wore yellow metal plates about 10 centimeters square

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2. The Dervishka Mogila (N 41-36, E 26-21) -Topolovgrad highway, approximately 27 kilometers long, is in good condition from Krumovo (N 41-50, E 26-23, now Planinovo) to Topolovgrad. From Dervishka Mogila to Krumovo, the road is not in good condition. It is approximately eight meters wide, with drainage ditches on either side; at least some portions are closed for one or two weeks in January because of heavy snowfall. There are several culverts, but no bridges. Approximately 15 kilometers north of Dervishka Mogila, another highway branches off to Simeonovgrad (N 42-03, E 25-50, now Maritza); various other short side roads lead to nearby villages. There are no industrial installations along this route, and nearly all the traffic is passenger traffic.
3. The Dervishka Mogila-Svilengrad Highway, which passes through Studena (N 42-32, E 23-08), has a gravel surface and is in good condition. In the summer of 1952, no travel permit was necessary to travel by bus from Studena to Svilengrad.

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